# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



# FISCAL NOTE

## SB 455 - HB 632

March 30, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Limits the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities probationary authority to nursing homes. Grants an individual and his or her legal representative the authority to determine that nursing home alternatives are not appropriate, cost-effective or desired.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### State Expenditures - Net Impact - Not Significant

### Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities rarely uses probation as a regulation enforcement remedy. Any decrease in probations will not result in a significant impact on state expenditures.
- Granting the individual or the individual's legal representative the authority to determine the appropriateness, cost-effectiveness, or desirability of alternatives to nursing home care will not have a significant impact on the number of individuals receiving nursing home care.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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